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Farmland Protection Program Durham Soil and Water Conservation District 721 Foster Street Durham, NC 27701

Meeting Number: 08 (Farmland Advisory Board) Date: June 19, 2008

Advisory Board Present:

Neil Frank, at Large
Douglas Daye, Flat River VAD
Bo Glenn, Open Space Representative
Kathryn Spann, Soil & Water Representative
Allen Powell, at Large
Aileen Glasgow, Business Representative
Billy Cooley Farm Bureau Representative
Becky Heron- County Commissioner
Gus Gray- Cape Fear VAD

Others Present:

Eddie Culberson, Soil & Water
Jennifer Brooks, Soil & Water
Lynwood Faison, Soil & Water
Jane Korest- Open Space Manager
Wendy Seddon- Open Space
Richard Morgart- Tax Administration

1. **Welcome** –Chairman Neil Frank called the Farmland Protection Advisory Board Meeting to order at 8:05AM.
2. **Minutes** – Minutes were read by Aileen Glasgow-Business Representative. Farm Bureau Representative Billy Cooley made a motion to approve the minutes. Cape Fear VAD Gus Gray seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.
3. **VAD Update** – Director of Durham SWCD Eddie Culberson reported that there are no new applications since the last meeting.
4. **Easement Update** - Open Space Manager Jane Korest reported that they haven't heard back from the state but they should hear something by the end of June.
Korest reported that she has started working with Kathryn Spann on the definition that the board requested and they should have something to give the board at the next meeting.
5. **Other Business**
 - A. **Proposal for workshop next winter** – Chairman Neil Frank reported that at the last meeting the board had mentioned trying to do a workshop. The board discussed the workshop and a variety of ideas for it. Chairman Neil Frank suggested that the board table any further discussion about the workshop until the September meeting. Frank suggested that the workshop could be held in February.
Open Space Representative Bo Glenn suggested that the board form a subcommittee to plan the workshop. Several board members volunteered to sit on the subcommittee board. The first subcommittee meeting date was set for July 17th at 8:00am in the Soil & Water Conference room. The August subcommittee meeting date was set for August 14th. Administrative Officer Lisa Marochak will send out an email reminder to the board about the subcommittee meeting and regular board meeting dates.
 - B. **Annual Report** – Director Eddie Culberson passed out a copy of the Annual report to the Farmland Board members that Administrative Officer Lisa Marochak had prepared. Culberson reported that the next thing the board might want to do is get on the Commissioners Work Session Agenda. Culberson is going to call and get on the schedule for the board to present the Annual Report at the September Work Session.
County Commissioner Becky Heron suggested that Neil Frank or Eddie Culberson contact the Herald Sun and ask for a meeting with the editorial board.

C. Board Members- Director of Durham SWCD Eddie Culberson reported that at the last meeting the staff was asked to send a letter to the two board members (Leroy Joyner and Ramon Tancinco) because they have not attended a meeting in over 1 year. Culberson reported that both of the letters came back to the office marked return to sender/no forwarding address. County Commissioner Becky Heron made a motion to remove Leroy Joyner and Ramon Tancinco from the board. Business Representative Aileen Glasgow seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

D. Guest Speakers- Chairman Neil Frank reported that at the last meeting the board had talked about trying to get someone from Chatham County to come and speak about small farms. Culberson reported that Debbie Roos is the contact person from Chatham County and she is willing to come and speak at our next board meeting on August 14th. The board agreed to let Debbie Roos come on August 14th. The board would also like to have Karen McAdams the Livestock Agent for Orange/Durham County come to the September 18th board meeting. Open Space Manager Jane Korest suggested getting someone that runs the Durham Farmers Market to come and speak at one of our meetings.

6. New Business

A. Land Use Study Meeting- SWCD Representative Kathryn Spann reported that she has attended a couple of meetings for the Land Use Study that is going on between Durham County and Granville County. They are looking at the land that surrounds Camp Butner, conservation easement activities and the land use areas. Spann reported that there is going to be a presentation on Monday June 23rd for interested community members.

7. Set Next Meeting Date – The board set the next meeting date for Thursday, July 17th at 8:00am (subcommittee) and Thursday, August 14th at 8:00 a.m. (regular board meeting)

10. Adjourn – With no further discussion or business, Chairman Neil Frank adjourned the meeting at 9:12 AM.

Neil Frank

Chairman

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Vice Chairman